

We claim:

5 1. A method for flavoring an ingestible composition which comprises admixing an ingestible vehicle with an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

10 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001% to about 1%, by weight.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

25 7. An ingestible composition comprising:

(i) an ingestible vehicle; and

(ii) an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

30 8. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001% to about 1%, by weight.

35 9. The ingestible composition according to claim 8, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight.

10. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

11. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

5 12. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the
ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

~~13.~~ Ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula,
 $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

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14. A method for preparing ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate which comprises reacting ethyl 4-chlorobutyrate with potassium thioacetate.

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